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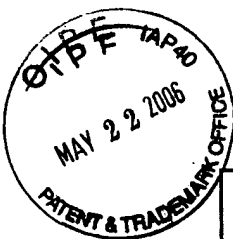
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| | | Small Entity | | Small Entity | | Small Entity |
| Application Type | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 |
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